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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to the communication filed on March 23, 2006.
2. Claims 1-20 are pending in this action. Claims 1, 10 and 16 have been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhou (WO 02/31814) in view of Nosohara (EP 0 838 765).

As per claim 1, Zhou teaches, "a method for conducting a search for stored information", comprising the steps of:

"presenting a user interface to a user" (Fig. 1, elements 10 and 12);

"receiving an identification of a particular search language in which to search, the identification designated which particular database of a plurality of language database is to be searched and which language is featured within the user interface" (Fig. 1, element 30 and page 7, lines 3-24);

"receiving a search query" (Fig. 1, element 10); and

"conducting a search of the particular database that contains information written in the identified language" (Fig. 1, element 32)

Zhou does not explicitly teach that particular language to be searched is selected by the user. However, Nosohara teaches particular language to be searched is selected by the user (Fig. 2, element 101). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use user selected search language to be searched in the invention of Zhou because one ordinary skill in the art readily recognize that would provide selective language database search of user desire information.

As per claim 2, Zhou teaches, "wherein the user interface comprises a search site accessible via a network" (Fig. 3, element 414).

As per claim 3, Zhou teaches, "wherein the search site comprises a web site accessible via the Internet" (page 7, lines 15-24).

As per claim 4, Zhou teaches, "wherein the search language is selected from a group of several different available languages which each pertain to a different language database" (Fig. 1, element 30).

As per claim 5, Zhou teaches, "further comprising the step of receiving selection of a different search language in which to search" (Fig. 1, element 30).

As per claim 6, Zhou teaches, "further comprising the step of reconfiguring the user interface so it is presented in the different search language" (Fig. 1, element 24).

As per claim 7, Zhou teaches, "further comprising the step of translating the search query into the different language" (Fig. 1, element 28).

As per claim 8, Zhou teaches, "further comprising the step of conducting a search for the translated search query in a database containing information written in the different language" (Fig. 1, element 32).

As per claim 9, Zhou teaches, "further comprising translating results located during the search into a language selected by the user" (Fig. 1, element 28).

As per claims 10-20, they are interpreted and thus rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-9.

Response to Arguments

5. The applicant argues, "the proposed combination of Zhou in view of Nosohara does not teach or suggest at least "receiving an identification of a particular search language in which to search from the user, the identification designated which particular database of a plurality of language database is to be searched and which language is featured within the user interface" and "conduction a search of the particular database that contains information written in the identified language" since the cited references disclose that a particular language database and the language featured in a user interface are not based upon a user-designation of a single identification of a particular language. Therefore, a *prima facie* case establishing an obviousness rejection by the propose combination of Zhou in view of Nosohara has not been made".

The examiner disagrees with the applicant's above assertion because *prima facie* case of obvious ness has been established by the references of Zhou and Nosohra, see the rejection above. Here, Zhou teaches automatically identified an input language and translated that in different language for search (see page 5, line 16 to

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page line 15). However, Zhou does not explicitly teach user selecting the search language. Nosohara teaches user selecting the search language, which would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply in the Zhou's automatic selection system.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Abul K. Azad** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7599**. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richemond Dorvil**, can be reached at **(571) 272-7602**.

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